उपसभापति : मंत्री जी आप सवाल नहीं समझे । सवाल यह है कि इस कम्पनी को इजाजत इसलिए दी गयी थी कि वह ड्रग यहां बनाये हिंदुस्तान में । उस कम्पनी ने यहां ड्रग न बनाकर इम्पोर्ट कर हाई प्राईसिंग की । यह सवाल है उनका । इससे पहले तो हो चुका है । आप बताइये । (व्यवधान)

श्री राम लखन सिंह यादव : अभी जो हमारे यहां पर है, जो दाम इसमें लगता है उससे सस्ते में हमको मिल रहा है इसलिए आज यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

DR. YELAMANCHIU SIVAJI: Madam, the drugs marketed by various pharmaceutical companies, containing sulphadiazine, metrodezar.oi and chloro-flurozine are being sold at the rate of Rs. 1,600—1,700 when calculated in value per kilo. What steps does the Government propose to take to reduce the gap between the bulk priqes and retail prices of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEI-RO): Madam, this information is not correct. There was some complaint of dumping also. The price of the imported material that comes into the country is often, in this case, lower *han the international price—of Hong Kong, for instance. . . *(Interruptions)* . .

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: You are misleading the House. There is a wide gap between retail prices and bulk prices.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: The position is as follows: As far as the bulk drug is concerned, now it is not being manufactured in the country—it is being imported. The prices are lower in the country—and that is the complaint—than the international prices. For instance, in Hong Kong or the domestic price in the U.S.A. ...*(Interruptions)*.. As far as the formula are concerned, there is a mathematical formula and that is to be applied. If you have any particular instance, you please bring it to us, and I will look into the matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Foreign collaboration for Car manufac taring

*264. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many car manufacturing units in India have applied for licence for collaboration with foreign car manufacturing units; and

(b) what is the total investment which Government propose to get in India by allowing the joint venture car manufacturing units to be set up in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) After the New Industrial Policy, 1991, three car manu- , facturing units have applied for and been granted foreign collaboration . approval.

(b) In the case of Hindustan Motors, the foreign equity participation would be 50 per cent amounting to Rupees 60 crores. In the case of Premier Automobiles, the foreign equity participation would be upto 50 per cent amounting to between Rs. 60 crores and Rs. 120 crores. The Maruti Udyog Ltd. is already a Joint venture and the foreign equity in this company has been increased from 40 per cent to 50 per cent.